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		)	Group Art Unit: 3745
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Title:	Hydraulic Drive Apparatus	)	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

The Office Action dated March 25, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully noted. The Applicants make the following amendments and remarks in response thereto.